



BINATIONAL HEALTH WEEK

October 11-17, 2004

Binational Health Week (BHW) is an effort of federal, state, and local entities, along with the private sector, who favor the health and well being of Mexican immigrants in the U.S. and their families in Mexico. This year's Binational Health Week will be celebrated in 15 US states and 14 Mexican states.

The theme of BHW is "Families in Action for Health" with a broad focus on access to care, immunizations, healthy behaviors, health screenings and referrals, and many other health-related issues affecting the Latino population.

During the celebration of the Third BHW in California in 2003, more than 70,000 people received direct health information and services, over 200 events were held and nearly 350 agencies participated.

Binational Health Week is a partnership of the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Mexican Secretariat of Health, California-Mexico Health Initiative, Health Resources Services Administration, Office of Minority Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Pan American Health Organization, and Institute of Mexicans Abroad, among others.

If you would like to know more about Binational Health Week you can visit the following web sites: www.ucop.edu/cprc/cmhi.html and www.borderhealth.org, or for information of the events at the California-Baja California border region you can contact Liliana Osorio at losorio@ucsd.edu or Elizabeth Santillanez at esantill@dhs.ca.gov

